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Dry Casting food and drinks

The dry casting sausage sizzle will be available AFTER the main dry casting events have been run, so please try to keep the dry casting moving along. Cool drinks will be available during the day.

Drinks are \$1.50 each. Sausage and onion in a bread roll \$2.50 each.

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2012 Presentation night venue

Pat McKeown and George Holman have been looking at venues and have chosen the Woodvale Tavern Reception Centre, 143 Trappers Drive, for the Club's 60th year Presentation night on 23 June.

More details at the General meeting and in the coming months.
<http://thewoodvale.com.au/reception-centre> has some details.

Meanwhile, please reserve Saturday evening 23 June in your diary.



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Note 2.

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Note 3.

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Note 4.

The Immediate Past President is a consequential fact. It is not a Committee position elected by the members or filled by resolution of the Committee, as are all other Committee positions and functions.

Life Members of the Club

Jim Strong, Bob Klein, George Holman, Ric Parker, Ian Cook, Bob Henderson, Terry Fuller.

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Minutes of General Meeting 11 January 2012

Venue:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.
Commenced 8:02 pm. President George Holman presiding.

Present:- 22 members.

Apologies:- Trevor Stam, Kathy Sedal.

Visitors:- None.

New member:- None this month.

Minutes of previous meeting:- **Moved** John Curtis, seconded Jim Strong the minutes of the previous meeting as published in Reel Talk are a true record, carried.

Previous Committee meeting:- Action points from the minutes of the Committee meeting have been published in Reel Talk.

George Holman advised that Glengarry Tavern was not taking any bookings past April due to proposed redevelopment. Pat McKeown has some alternative venues for the 2012 Presentation night to be checked.

Secretary's report:- Secretary Eric Parker reported. Happy new year. Club telephone is finally working again and diverted to his phone.

<u>Correspondence In:-</u>	Westpac J G (Graham) Little Shane Wignell AAAWA Justin Rose 6PR/96FM Des Hughes Frank Prokop	Bank statement to 31 December 2011 Club membership enquiry Field day suggestions Minutes of December Delegates meeting Requested permission to borrow Club scales Radio marketing of SCAC Permission to use an image from SCAC website Thanks for all done for recreational fishing and Recfishwest
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Correspondence out:-

Moved Peet Wessels, seconded John Crompton that correspondence be accepted, carried.

Treasurer's report:- **Accounts for payment.**

To	For	Amount	
Telstra	Club phone	\$130.00	{approved at
Coolbinia Club	Hire of meeting hall Jan to June 2012.....	\$375.00	{Dec Committee
Terry Fuller	Stamps for Reel Talk	\$66.00	
Terry Fuller	Printing of Reel Talk	\$95.40	T Fuller total
Terry Fuller	10 x 60c stamps.....	\$6.00	\$167.40
Charles Faure	Kalbarri bond refund	\$100.00	
Synergy	Power at Kalbarri from 27 Oct to 28 Dec.....	\$294.45	
Elizabeth Pett	Cleaning 31/12, 7/1 at Kalbarri	\$120.00	
Pat McKeown	Onions brown	\$1.89	
	Aussie Beef Sausages 2 x Packets @ \$8.68 each	\$17.36	
	Bread rolls 2 x 18pkt @ \$4.95 each	\$9.90	
	Arnotts Classic Assorted biscuits.....	\$5.50	P McKeown total
	Harvey Fresh milk 1 litre	\$1.80	\$36.45
	Total new accounts	\$718.30	

Bank account summary

Bank balance as at 11 January..... \$9,663.48
Accounts for payment \$718.30 || Available balance after payment of new accounts | \$9,065.18 |
Cash and cheques held for banking.....	\$520.00
Outstanding cheques	\$220.00
Available total	**\$9,245.18**

Income / money received since December

General meeting

Kalbarri house rent.....\$460.00
Field day fees December 2011, local\$10.00
Dry casting weights \$10.00 || Deposit for Rottnest May 2012 | \$200.00 |
| **Total income received since December** | |
| **General meeting** | **\$680.00** |

Income / money received at January General meeting

Deposit Rottnest May 2012 \$500.00 || Raffle at January General meeting | \$44.00 |
Kalbarri rental	\$360.00
Field day fees December 2011	\$116.00
Dry casting fees January 2012	\$186.00
Sausage sizzle Jan Drycasting	\$97.50
Total received at January GM	**\$1,303.50**

Moved Ray Walker, seconded Pat McKeown the Treasurer's report be accepted and accounts be passed for payment, carried.

Property Officer:- Ray Walker said bookings were going reasonably well.

Field Days:- Peet Wessels gave out certificates, and gave some details for the November White Hill field day and coming Mindarie to Yanchep field day.

Eight people have booked and paid deposits for Rottnest May 2012. Four more places are available.

He reminded members to submit their suggestions for field day venues.

Dry Casting Officer:- Allan Jones thanked Chris Stickells for taking out and bringing in the warning flags, and reported on some results for the January Dry Casting. A 112 gram Open will be held in February.

AAA report:- John Curtis advised the Victorian dry casting trailer was being transported to WA. There was not much response to the possibility of running a National AAA championship in WA.

Social Organiser:- The night cast will be held on 21 January 2012, at Kaye and George Holman's. BYO everything. Members were asked to please not arrive before 6 pm.

Pat McKeown has several venues to look at for the Presentation night. He asked for members' ideas to promote this, the 60th year of the Club.

Recorder:- John Curtis said he has nothing new, and went through some of the sections which could have fish entered. The Leeuwin current is strong again with higher than normal sea temperatures bringing some tropical species to southern waters.

Reel Talk:- Terry Fuller thanked members for previous articles and said more were always welcome.

Recfishwest report:- Terry Fuller reported that Frank Prokop has finished at Recfishwest effective from 6 January. There was no RFW Board meeting in January.

General business:- John Curtis advised the first education session would be held on Friday 27 January. See Articles in Reel Talk.

Raffle:- First prize, reef bag, won by Wayne Collis. Second prize, lure, won by Dave Maxted. Prizes provided by the Club.

Meeting closed:- Formal meeting closed at 8:48 pm.

Instruction period:- Choosing and looking after frozen bait, and using the laser measure, by Terry Fuller.

Action points from January 2012 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
None			

Action points from December 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM12/11 #4	Give suggestions for Field Days for 2012/13	All members who intend fishing	

Action points from October 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM10/11 #1	Pay deposits for Rottnest Field Day May 2012	Members	Ongoing
AP GM1011 #2	Consider Safari to Esperance area in 2012	Members	Ongoing

Action points from September 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM9/11 #2	Prepare an article on AAA club member insurance for Reel Talk	John Curtis	Ongoing

Action points from July 2011 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM7/11 #1	Make suggestions for the Presentation night for the Club's 60th year in 2012	All members	Ongoing

Action points from April 2010 General meeting.			
Number	Action	By	Status
AP GM4/10 #1	Help locate the old "Sportsperson of the Year" trophy.	All members	Ongoing

Minutes Secretary, Terry Fuller

Action points from January Committee meeting

A summary of points from the previous Committee meeting is given at each General Meeting, often summarizing the action points from the Committee meeting.

Future Instruction periods.

February	Bluff Creek. Peet Wessels and Peter Osborne.
March	AAA Rock and Beach Championships to be held Jurien, 24/5 March.
April	Finalisation of 2012/13 competitions. Solunar charts, John Curtis Knots, John Curtis

For members' information, here is the set of action points and status from the last Committee meeting as recorded in the draft minutes.

Action points from 18 January 2012 Committee meeting.			
AP No.	Action	By	Status
CM1/12 #1	Publish summary of letter about hosting AAA National Championships in Reel Talk	Terry Fuller	Done in February Reel Talk
CM1/12 #2	Follow up email from Radio 6PR and 96FM about marketing the club on radio	John Curtis	
CM1/12 #3	Check permission has been obtained from Dandaragan Shire for Club members to stay overnight on the beach for Cervantes Field Days	Eric Parker	
CM1/12 #4	Committee members needing certain Club information should advise the other person what is required and when	Committee members	Ongoing
CM1/12 #5	Update the Club membership list	Terry Fuller	
CM1/12 #6	Publish the list of bookings for the Club alternator in Reel Talk and keep it up to date	Terry Fuller	Ongoing
CM1/12 #7	Publish the Committee's recommendations for Field day venues and boundaries for 2012/13	Terry Fuller	Done in February Reel Talk

Minutes Secretary and Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Coming Club events

February Dry Casting

All casters **please come early** and assist with the setting up of the casting courts, targets, etc at the beginning of the day after setting up your own casting gear. Please assist with the retrieval and packing up of the casting equipment at the end of the day's events.

When:- Sunday 5 February 2012. Competition casting starts 8:30am.

Where:- Yokine Reserve, Wordsworth Avenue

Events:- Double handed accuracy, Single handed accuracy, 56 gram distance, Artificial bait distance, 112 gram distance, **plus 112 gram Open level line distance** after other events are completed.

Casting order:-

Month	Seniors, Ladies and Juniors	Veterans
5 February	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance
11 March	Accuracy first, then distance	Distance first, then accuracy
1 April	Distance first, then accuracy	Accuracy first, then distance

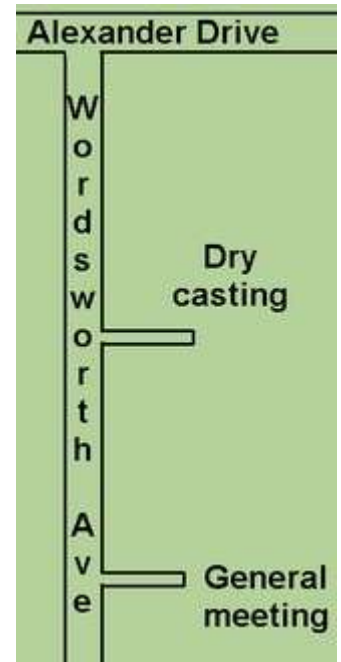
Fees:- \$10 per person, \$12 per family to help cover booking charges for the oval and public liability insurance. Fees must be paid to by 8:00am to allow the collector some time for practice casts before the 8:30am start. Please let someone know if you are going to be late.

February General meeting

When:- Wednesday 8 February, 8:00pm.

Where:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

Sign In:- Please remember to have your name ticked on the attendance sheet and buy some raffle tickets. See Jim Strong and the helpers at the front table.



Instruction period:- Bluff Creek Field Day. Peet Wessels and Peter Osborne.

Field Day sign on, fishing and weigh in times

Summer is here with those longer, hotter days and that fierce sun. The proposed sign on, fishing and weigh in times for the next 2 months' Field Days are published in each Reel Talk.

If you don't like any of the proposed sign on, fishing or weigh in times because of the heat or whatever, there is plenty of time in advance to comment or ask for changes. Contact the Field Day Officer.

If you are not able to be at the venue by the nominated sign on time, or need to leave early, for example for health reasons or other commitments, arrangements can be made for a late sign on, and possibly for an alternative weigh-in at the discretion of the Field Day Officer.

Reel Talk Editor

February Field Day

When:- Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February.

Where:- Cervantes.

Boundaries:- Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes. New members are encouraged to fish with older members for guidance and help.

Sign On:- Saturday 2 pm (changed) at Cervantes Hill River car park.

Lines Down:- Saturday 3 pm (changed)

Times:- 3 pm (changed) Saturday to 10:00 am (changed) Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 10 am (changed) at Cervantes Hill River car park

Fees:- \$10 per person, \$12 per family.

Tides for Jurien

Sat	0.83m at	0.68m at	0.73m at	Moonset	About 9:14am at 264 deg
11 Feb	12:52pm	6:00pm	11:53pm	Moonrise	About 9:07pm at 99 deg

Sun	0.56m at	0.88m at	Moonset	About 10:19am at 257 deg
12 Feb	5:37am	1:23pm		

Sunrises About 5:55 am at 107 deg **Sunsets** About 7:12 pm at 253 deg



Local Field Day for February

When:- Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February.

Sign On: Phone Field Day Officer before 8pm on Thursday.

Lines Down:- Saturday 3 pm (changed)

Times:- 3 pm (changed) Saturday to 10 am (changed) Sunday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Weigh in:- Sunday 10 am (changed) at G Holman's house. Scales will be available on his back patio. An adult member must witness weights. Field Day money to be left with the scales in an envelope with your name and details written in the carbon copy Field Day book. No money = no points. Results to be phoned to FDO by 8 pm the following night.

Boundaries:- Penguin Island sand spit to north wall of the Two Rocks Marina, including the Swan and Canning Rivers, the North and South Mole.

Fish together Check at the General Meeting prior to each field day for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area.

<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Sat 11 Feb	0.84m at 1:14pm	0.69m at 5:38pm	0.75m at 11:00pm	<u>Moonset</u> <u>Moonrise</u>	About 9:12am at 264 deg About 9:03pm at 100 deg
	Sun 12 Feb	0.57m at 5:24am	0.88m at 1:45pm		<u>Moonset</u>	About 10:18am at 257 deg
		<u>Sunrises</u>	About 5:50am at 108 deg		<u>Sunsets</u>	About 7:11pm at 253 deg



February Committee meeting

When:- Wednesday 15 February, 7:30pm.

Where:- Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football and Sporting Club room.

Visitors. Club members who wish to see what's involved in Committee work may attend Committee meetings by invitation as visitors and observers and at the discretion of the President. Please contact the President or the Secretary well prior to the meeting to arrange your invitation.

March Field Day Bluff Creek

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 3/4/5 March 2012.

Where:- Bluff Creek.

Sign On:- Phone FDO before Thursday night, or Saturday 12 noon at Bluff Creek camping area for people camped at Bluff Creek.

Lines Down:- Saturday 1 pm

Fees:- \$10 per person, \$12 per family.





Times:- 1 pm Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Club Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

Barbecue:- 12 noon Sunday to 2:00 pm Sunday. Check at the sign on for confirmation of times. If you don't come to the barbecue, you must stop fishing for those times. It's a great time for socialising with your fellow club members and yet another highlight of the Bluff Creek field days when we go back to how field days used to be "in the good old days".

Weigh in:- Monday 10 am Bluff Creek camping area. Check General meeting for 2WD weigh in arrangements.

240 volt power George Holman will take the Club's 240 volt petrol powered alternator. Power will be available for lights and freezers. Please bring your own power cords and power boards. Please use compact fluorescent globes, not incandescent, to reduce the power consumption.

Boundaries:- Dunsy Beach (about 15 km west of Albany) to as far as you can walk past the rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek.

<u>Tides for Albany</u>	Fri	0.36m at	0.89m at	<u>Moonset</u>				
	2 Mar	5:00am	7:40pm	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 2:10 pm at 63 deg			
	Sat	0.34m at	0.96m at	<u>Moonset</u>	About 12:20am at 297 deg			
	3 Mar	4:50am	8:25pm	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 3:00pm at 64 deg			
	Sun	0.31m at	1.03m at	<u>Moonset</u>	About 1:18am at 295 deg			
	4 Mar	4:45am	2101	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 3:40pm at 67 deg			
	Mon	0.29m at	0.70m at	0.62m at	1.07m at	<u>Moonset</u>	About 2:20am at 291 deg	
	5 Mar	4:50am	11:30am	3:05pm	9:35pm	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 4:20pm at 71 deg	
<u>Sunrises</u>				About 5:55 am at 98 deg	<u>Sunsets</u>	About 6:40 pm at 261 deg		

Local Field Day for March

When:- Saturday/Sunday/Monday 3/4/5 March 2012.

Sign On: At the General Meeting or to FDO before Thursday evening.




Lines Down:- Saturday 1 pm

Times:- 1 pm Saturday to 10 am Monday. Fish caught within those times are eligible for the Field Day competition and weigh-in. Fish caught before or after those times are eligible for the Open Competition.

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<u>Tides for Fremantle</u>	Sat	0.51m at	1.00m at	<u>Moonset</u>	About 12:50am at 296 deg	
	3 Mar	3:40am	6:00pm	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 3:00pm at 65 deg	
	Sun	0.50m at	1.03m at	<u>Moonset</u>	About 1:35am at 294 deg	
	4 Mar	3:50pm	7:00pm	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 3:45pm at 68 deg	
	Mon	0.50m at	1.04m at	<u>Moonset</u>	About 2:35am at 290 deg	
	5 Mar	4:00pm	7:50pm	<u>Moonrise</u>	About 4:27pm at 72 deg	
<u>Sunrises</u>		About 6:07 am at 98 deg		<u>Sunsets</u>	About 6:50 pm at 261 deg	

Fishing together on field days

Some comments regularly made are about the value of members fishing together, particularly for new members.

The Club encourages members to fish together on Field days, and will help arrange this. However it helps everyone if members who want help or want to fish with someone, ask and arrange to go with other members. This can be done either before or during the sign on or at the previous General meeting or any Club event.

Check at the General meeting for arrangements and discussions about when and where members can meet to fish together locally in the metropolitan area.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Calendar for next three months

Here's a calendar showing the dates for Dry Casting, General and Committee meetings, Field Days and other Club events in the next three months.

<u>24</u>	AAAWA event							
<u>8</u>	Dry Casting	<u>11</u>	General Meeting	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	Field Day	<u>18</u>	Committee Meeting

February 2012							March 2012							April 2012						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>				1	2	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	30						<u>1</u>
6	7	<u>8</u>	9	10	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	6	7	8	9	10	<u>11</u>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	12	13	<u>14</u>	15	16	17	18	9	10	<u>11</u>	12	13	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
27	28	29					26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

New member applications

Applications for membership have been received and will come before the next Committee meeting. If any member has any reason why any of the applications should not be accepted, please contact a Committee member and state the reason.

None this month.

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

New member acceptances

The following applications for membership have been accepted, and will be invited to the next General Meeting to be welcomed into the Club.

None this month.

Secretary and Membership Coordinator, Eric Parker

January 2012 Field Day, Mindarie to Yanchep

With boundaries from Mindarie to Two Rocks this Field day had no Local competition. Fifteen members signed on for this weekend. On Saturday most members fished together at the Yanchep lagoon. The day was very hot with no or very little sea breeze. The sea water was warm and flat and there was no chop to speak about. This beautiful holiday weather had a huge influence on the fishing and contributed greatly to poor results.

Peter Osborne fished a beach a little north of Yanchep and had better results with quite a few nice Tailor. In general the fishing was poor but still a very enjoyable weekend with a great sunset.

Sunday was an exact repeat of the previous day with the temperature running in the high thirties. The weigh in was at the oval at the back of George Holman's house. The following five species were weighed in:- Tailor, Herring, Whiting, Pike and Wrasse.

Our next Field day is Cervantes to Jurien. Lately there are some good fishing reports on this area with people catching Mulloway and small Shark at the Hill River mouth. Tailor are in great numbers all along these beaches. Just find a small stretch of clean water and you are sure to cash in on Tailor around sunset and early morning.

This Field day will take place on 12/13 February 2012. Due to the very hot weather the sign-on and weigh-in times were changed from the usual times to 2 pm for sign-on and 10 am for weigh-in.

Hope the next time I see you is with a bent rod in the hand.

Peet Wessels, Field Day Officer

Field Day report, 14/15 January 2012

How can you resist when you receive a phone call saying "Hey, Dad, do you want to go fishing?" I said to Stephen "sure, what about this Saturday?" realising there was a field day coming up. Having been unable to attend recent field days, this was a good opportunity for Stephen to use his new rod and reel won at the SCAC Presentation Night, and a time for good father/son bonding.

Arriving at the Yanchep beach, we noticed Bob Henderson was already there, which was great as we enjoy fishing with fellow members. Also about that time I received a phone call from Allan Jones and he too joined us.

Whilst the conditions were not ideal and a bit weedy, it was still a great afternoon to be out amongst it. Stephen and I managed to catch three species between us, with Stephen drawing first blood.

There were several groups to the north and south of us and it wasn't until later that we learnt that the groups were made up of fellow Club members, Peet and Sandra Wessels, John Crompton and Shane Becu. Whilst packing up in the car park we had the opportunity to meet our newest SCAC member, Martin Wearmouth, who had also been fishing nearby.

On Sunday morning, Marcia and I took the fish to the weigh in, as Stephen had returned home following a party the night before. We arrived just as Peet and Sandra were leaving but still managed to catch up with a few members, including Terry Fuller, Eric Parker, Pat McKeown, and John Curtis.

We now look forward to the February field day in Cervantes.

Peter Pekaar

Catch results and points for January Field Day

Angler	Weight	Species	Fish	Points
Peter Osborne	4.22 kg	4	14	132.2
Peet Wessels	1.67 kg	2	8	86.7
Sandra Wessels	1.44 kg	2	3	84.4
George Holman	0.55 kg	2	2	75.5
Peter Pekaar	0.39 kg	2	2	73.9
Mark Hansen	0.13 kg	1	1	61.3
Stephen Pekaar	0.24 kg	1	1	52.4
Bob Henderson	0	0	0	50
John Crompton	0	0	0	50
Martin Wearmouth	0	0	0	50
Pat McKeown	0	0	0	50
Wendy Hansen	0	0	0	50
Christian Wearmouth	0	0	0	40
Shane Becu	0	0	0	40
Thomas Wearmouth	0	0	0	40

Points include Field Day and January General Meeting points. Species weighed at the Mindarie to Yanchep Field Day were:- Tailor, Herring, Whiting, Pike and Wrasse.

Sportsperson of the Year winners for January 2012

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Tailor	0.54 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	4.22 kg

Field day section winners for January 2012

Best scale fish	Peter Osborne	Tailor	0.54 kg
Best bag of scale fish	Peet Wessels	Mixed Bag	1.67 kg

Field Day top scores for 2011/12

Total scores up to and including January Field Day and General meeting.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank
Peet Wessels	1364.3	1	Allan Jones	183.2	17	Chris Stickells	90	33
Peter Osborne	1311.2	2	Ian Taggart	174.2	18	Geoff Raftis	85	34
Sandra Wessels	1089.6	3	Sabby Pizzolante	156.4	19	Melvin Wee	84.3	35
George Holman	954.8	4	Marcia Pekaar	150.7	20	Malcolm Head	67.2	36
Mark Hansen	694.3	5	Sumarie Gaudin	148.5	21	Morgan Keet	66.3	37
Shane Wignell	388	6	Christian Wearmouth	139.6	22	Felicity Keet	62.5	38
John Crompton	366.9	7	Michael Gaudin	123.5	23	Wayne Shaw	57	39
Wendy Hansen	354.5	8	Thomas Wearmouth	114.5	24	Stephen Pekaar	52.4	40
Justin Rose	336.1	9	Martin Wearmouth	114.2	25	Bob Henderson	50	41
Theo Van Niekerk	327.7	10	Stuart Spickett	108.8	26	Dean Stewart	50	42
Greg Keet	324.7	11	Nick Edwards	103.6	27	Des De Villiers	40	43
Pat McKeown	305.3	12	Ron Lindsay	100	28	Lachlan Spickett	40	44
Sarah Wignell	283.9	13	Shane Becu	100	29	Olivia Keet	40	45
Peter Pekaar	270.8	14	Liam Wignell	98.9	30	Sharon Osborne	40	46
Ray Walker	250.3	15	Aniello Pizzolante	97.8	31	John Curtis	20	47
Frank Gaudin	187.4	16	David Maxted	92.5	32			

Update to Species Badge competition

The list of species registered to members has been updated for catches during the January Field Day.

Name	Black Bream	Flathead	Flounder	Garfish	Herring	Yellow Eyed Mullet	Mackerel	Mulloway	Pink Snapper	Salmon	Samson Fish	Snook or Pike	Tailor	Tarwhine	Trevally	Whiting	Wrasse	Number of species caught
Stephen Pekaar	1				1	1									1		1	5

Recorder, John Curtis

Field Day sections 2011/12

Up to and including January Field Day.

1A	Best scale fish (1st six months)	George Holman	Pink Snapper	6.55 kg
1B	Best scale fish (2nd six months)	George Holman	Tailor	1.26 kg
2	Most meritorious fish	To be awarded by Committee		
3	Best Shark (4.5kg min)	George Holman	Bronze Whaler	5.48 kg
4	Best Mulloway (2.0kg min)			
5	Best Tailor (1.0kg min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	1.92 kg
6	Best Salmon (3kg min)			
7	Best Skipjack Trevally (0.5 kg min)	Sandra Wessels	Trevally, Skipjack	1.13 kg
8	Best Mackerel (2kg Min)			
9	Best scale fish (other than above)	Peet Wessels	Yellowtail Kingfish	5.83 kg
10	Best bag of scale fish	Peter Osborne	Mixed Bag	17.38 kg
11	Best bag of Mulloway (2 fish Min)			
12	Best bag of Tailor (2 fish Min)	Justin Rose	Tailor	5.58 kg
13	Best fish on S/H rod 4kg b/s line (max)	Peter Osborne	Wrasse	0.36 kg
14	Best fish caught on fly rod	Frank Gaudin	Trevally, Skipjack	0.75 kg

Open fishing competition 2011/12

The Open Competition is for fish caught other than on Club Gazetted Field Days, but not in any other AAA affiliated club event on the same dates. Entries for the Open competition close 30 days after capture.

Section	For	Minimum weight	Entry
1	Most meritorious capture	None	To be awarded by Committee
2	Best Shark	4.5 kg	
3	Best Mulloway	5.0 kg	Mal Head, 11 kg, Kalbarri
4	Best Salmon	3.5 kg	
5	Best Dhufish	Legal size	
6	Best Tailor	1.5 kg	Justin Rose, 3.2 kg, S Bend
7	Best Samson Fish	1.5 kg	
8	Best fish on single handed rod maximum 4kg line class	Legal size	
9	Best Pink Snapper	2.0 kg	George Holman, 3.0 kg, False Entrance
10	Best Tarwhine	0.5 kg	Pat McKeown, 0.5 kg, False Entrance
11	Best Mackerel	4.0 kg	George Holman, 17 kg, False Entrance
12	Best Skipjack Trevally (southern)	1.0 kg	George Holman, 2.5 kg, False Entrance
13	Best Trevally (northern)	4.0 kg	
14	Best Snook/Pike	0.5 kg	
15	Best Black or Yellow finned Bream	0.6 kg	
16	Best scale fish other than sections 3 - 15	2.0 kg	George Holman, 10.75 kg Northern bluefin tuna, False Entrance
17	Best fish caught on fly rod.	Legal size	

Barron Lure competition 2011/12

The Barron Lure competition is sponsored by Eric Parker, who donates the trophies. Try Eric's poppers, you will not be disappointed.

Heaviest Tailor on Lure.	Justin Rose	1.92 kg Tailor
Heaviest Salmon on Lure.	No entry yet	
Heaviest Scale Fish on Lure.	Justin Rose	1.92 kg Tailor

Field days 2011/12

Venues and boundaries for the 2011/12 competition year were decided by the members at the April 2011 General Meeting.

Now these venues and boundaries have been decided and confirmed by the members, they will not be changed. The FDO will still have the option, on the day, with the agreement of the people who have signed on, to make changes to cater for unfishable conditions on the day (eg high winds, huge swell or extensive seaweed.)

Month	Venue	Dates	Distance / boundaries / details /
Feb 2012	Cervantes	11/12 Feb	<i>Medium.</i> Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Mar 2012	Bluff Creek	3/4/5 Mar LWE	<i>Long.</i> Dunsy Beach (about 15 km west of Albany) to as far as you can walk past the rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek.
Apr 2012	Capes	14/15 Apr	<i>Medium.</i> Busselton Jetty to river mouth at Augusta

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Bluff Creek Field Day 3/4/5 March 2012

The March long weekend Field Day will be at Bluff Creek, east of Albany.

DO NOT MISS THIS FIELD DAY!!. If you don't own a 4WD then ask another member for a lift. This is a FAMILY Field Day location so bring your wife or partner, friends and children or as a last option your dog. This is one of the best locations we go to for a club field day.

In past years, a barbecue has been held from 12 noon Sunday to 2 pm Sunday. It's a great time for socialising with your fellow club members and yet another highlight of the Bluff Creek field day when we go back to how field days used to be "in the good old days".



Miles of beaches like this !!!!

It has all the right ingredients for a great weekend. The camp site is protected from a lot of the wind and is near a fresh water creek, great for washing. You do need to take fresh water for drinking, tea making, etc.

The weather can vary from drizzle to perfect to very hot, but most days there's a strong breeze and that's usually from the left along the beach.

There are kilometers of open beach for fishing. Some reef fishing spots are within easy distance of the camping area. There have been some great catches by people who have walked from the camp site to the nearest part of the beach.

A long rod is essential as the skippy sometimes gather around the offshore reefs. This is where your dry casting practice comes into good use for distance and placing the bait accurately.

The beaches and water are in pristine condition so it is really a very pleasant spot to just relax and enjoy the outdoors and the fishing.

Bluff Creek is only accessible by 4WD and is east of Albany. Access to the camp site is along the beach which is usually reasonably easy, although getting off the beach to the camping area with a loaded trailer can need a good run up.

In past years we have used a track through the dunes above the beach, but last year we found this was impassable due to a large blowout in a place where it was difficult to get past with a fully loaded trailer. Maybe someone has made a new track around this by now.

We recommend this Field Day to all new members as the fishing is easy and there will be plenty of experienced members on hand to help.

Usually a group of members go down in convoy to Bluff Creek on the Friday morning so anyone wishing to join in please raise this at the General Meeting.



Morning fishing at the reef.

The Instruction period at the 8 February General Meeting will be about the Bluff Creek area, fishing, camping, road and track details for getting there, and more.

Put that date in your diary so you don't miss it.

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How to get to Bluff Creek

There are two main ways to get to Bluff Creek. The simplest way is, with no map needed, bitumen main roads:- Take the Albany Highway to Mount Barker. From Mount Barker, go towards Albany, turn left into Millbrook Road, 17 km to King River, left onto the South Coast Highway (Albany-Jerramungup Road) to Manypeaks, 6 km more to Cheynes Beach Road, 7 km more to Bluff Creek Road. Turn right on to the gravel road, go 9 km in on Bluff Creek Road to the start of the narrower white sand 4WD track to the beach. Stop here and let down your tyres.

An alternative which uses several gravel roads and needs a good local map, is to take the Porongorup Road from Mount Barker to the Chester Pass road, use Mindijup road until you cross a ford over the Kalgan River. Find your way onto Fish Track Road to the South Coast Highway. From here, it's 5 km to Manypeaks, and on to Bluff Creek as above.

Fuel. Manypeaks has fuel but only during shop hours, and closes at 5pm most days. If you intend traveling at night, the Mount Barker service station used to close at 10pm. Check for yourself before relying on this information. Mt Barker BP Roadhouse 9851 1222. If you need fuel after 10pm, you may need to go to Albany to refuel at one of the 24 hour stations. From there go out the South Coast Highway (Albany-Jerramungup Road) to Manypeaks, and continue as above.

Track to the beach is definitely 4 wheel drive only, bush close on both sides, and once you're on the track there are very few places to turn or get off the track and there are soft uphill sandy sections.

With the loads carried for a long weekend camping trip, you **must** let your tyres down to beach driving pressures **before starting on the track**. Suggest 20 psi or less but it's your responsibility to have pressures suitable for your vehicle, tyres and load, and use low range 4WD as there are some very soft uphill sections. It's better with the right tyre pressures and keeping moving.

The track gets badly chewed up by people who don't consider other people and leave their tyres at normal pressure or only let them down a little bit.

The track starts off easy across fairly flat country, then you'll come to a place where the track splits for a hundred metres or so and comes back together before going a bit right and up a hill. This is the start of a soft uphill section which goes on and up for quite a way and you don't want to get stuck on this.

The last uphill section is beach sand and is sometimes covered by fresh sand drifts, dry and quite soft, with a steep bit at the top on a right hand curve. If you get stuck here it's a job to get moving again, and no one can get past you. After that you're into the sand dunes downhill and on to the beach.

According to Google maps, the track to the beach meets the beach at 34°48'02.30" South, 118°24'36.20" East. Access to the camp site is along the beach which is usually reasonably easy, although getting off the beach to the camping area with a loaded trailer can need a good run up.

In past years we have used a track through the dunes above the beach, but in 2011 we found this was impassable due to a large blowout in a place where it was difficult to get past with a fully loaded trailer. Maybe someone has made a new track around this by now.

Travel east along the beach for about 4km till you reach the west side of Bluff Creek and the camp site. The camp creek meets the beach at 34°45'33.77" South, 118°26'29.11" East. If you have a GPS it might be worth checking and recording this to use when coming back to camp in the dark.

If you have time on the way back to Perth, the route through the Porongorup Ranges or the Stirling Ranges is a magnificent drive with great scenery. Allow a couple of extra hours to go this way.

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Recommended Field day venues and boundaries 2012/13

Recent Reel Talks asked members for their suggestions for field day venues and boundaries. Completed forms were collated by FDO Peet Wessels and venues and boundaries as below are recommended by the Committee for members' discussion and approval.

Venues and boundaries for the coming 2012/13 competition year will be decided and confirmed by the members at or before the April General Meeting. Areas exclude any no fishing zones which may be within the boundaries.

Once these venues and boundaries have been decided and confirmed by the members, they will not be changed. The FDO will still have the option, on the day, with the agreement of the people who have signed on, to make changes to cater for unfishable or dangerous conditions on the day (eg high winds, huge swell or extensive seaweed.)

Month	Venue	Dates	Distance / boundaries / details
May 2012	Rottnest	12/13 May 2012	<i>Short.</i> All areas around the perimeter of the island.
Jun 2012	Kalbarri	2/3/4 June 2012 Sat / Sun / Mon long weekend	<i>Long.</i> 590 km. Kalbarri to mouth of Bowes River at Horrocks.
Jul 2012	Capes North	14/15 July 2012	<i>Medium.</i> 260 km. Busselton Jetty to Gnarabup area (south of Prevelly.)
Aug 2012	Rottnest	11/12 Aug 2012	<i>Short.</i> All areas around the perimeter of the island.
Sep 2012	Esperance Safari <u>OR</u>	15 to 22 Sept 2012	<i>Long.</i> 730 km. Safari "Field Day" 12 noon Wed 19 Sept to 12 noon Thursday 20 Sept. Local (metro) Field Day 12 noon Sat 15 Sept to 12 noon Sunday 16 Sept.
	<u>OR</u> Cervantes (back up venue if Esperance Safari not run)		
Oct 2012	Port Gregory (if no Esperance Safari which would make Cervantes the Sept venue) <u>OR</u>	29/30 Sept/1 Oct 2012 Sat / Sun / Mon long weekend	<i>Long.</i> 520 km. Kalbarri to mouth of Bowes River at Horrocks.
	<u>OR</u> Cervantes (if Esperance Safari is held in Sept)		
Nov 2012	Cervantes	17/18 Nov 2012	<i>Medium.</i> 200 km. Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes.
Dec 2012	Local	15/16 Dec 2012	<i>Short.</i> Swan River upstream of Fremantle traffic bridge (includes Canning River.)
Jan 2013	White Hills to Preston	12/13 Jan 2013	<i>Short - medium.</i> 110 km. South wall of the Mandurah Cut to 2 km south of Preston Beach access.
Feb 2013	Cervantes	16/17 Feb 2013	<i>Medium.</i> 200 km. Jurien Marina north wall to south side of Cervantes
Mar 2013	Bluff Creek	2/3/4 Mar 2013 Sat / Sun / Mon long weekend	<i>Long.</i> 490 km. Dunsy Beach (about 15 km west of Albany) to as far as you can walk past the rocks at the eastern end of Bluff Creek.
Apr 2013	Capes South	13/14 Apr 2013	<i>Medium.</i> 310 km. Mouth of Margaret River to mouth of Blackwood River at Augusta.

See pages 21 to 23 of the December 2011 Reel Talk for Public and school holidays 2012/13, Drycasting dates proposed for 2012/13, and General and Committee meeting dates proposed for 2012/13.

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Draft calendar for coming year 2012/13, updated

Spot any mistake(s), please. I need people to read and check all these dates. Please tell me if you find anything wrong or if **you think** something's wrong.

This **draft** calendar shows the Committee's recommended dates for field days and Safari, with some dates subject to members' approval.

22 Safari (TBA)	23 Presentation Night	25 AAA Event	? Night cast (TBA)
6 Dry Casting	13 General Meeting	12 13 Field Day	46 Committee Meeting

Draft SCAC event calendar 2012/13 - Draft version dated 27 January 2012.

All dates still have to be confirmed.

See recommended Field Day list for options/alternatives for September and October

May 2012							June 2012							July 2012						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3	30	31					1
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
August 2012							September 2012							October 2012						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5						1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				
November 2012							December 2012							January 2013						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4	31					1	2		1	2	3	4	5	6
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30	31			
February 2013							March 2013							April 2013						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3					1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					

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Calendar for current year 2011/12

The 2011/12 calendar is on page 20 of the May 2011 Reel Talk.

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Future AAWA State Championships, updated

AAWA holds four State Championships each year. AAWA's competition year runs from 1 August to 31 July the following year.

2011/12 State Boating, Saturday 3 March 2012, Jurien. 4 March reserve in case of strong winds.
State Rock and Beach Fishing, Saturday/Sunday 24/25 March 2012, Jurien.

2012/13 State Dry Casting, Sunday 28 October 2012
State Estuary, Saturday/Sunday November 2012, Swan River / Cockburn Sound.
State Boating, TBA March 2013 from Mindarie.
State Rock and Beach Fishing, June 2013 long weekend, S Bend. (Venue updated)

2013/14 State Dry Casting, Sunday, 27 October 2013
State Estuary, Saturday/Sunday November 2013, Blackwood River Augusta
State Boating, TBA March 2014 Lancelin.
State Rock and Beach Fishing, May 2014, Cape to Cape

2014/15 State Dry Casting, Sunday, 26 October 2014
State Estuary, Saturday/Sunday November 2014, Walpole
State Boating, March 2015 long weekend, Ocean Reef. (Date added)
State Rock and Beach Fishing, March 2015 long weekend, Cheynes Beach

AAWA Delegate, Terry Fuller

Happy birthday to

Greg Keet, 10 February,

Dean Stewart, 28 February

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Recfishwest report

There was no RFW Board meeting for January.

Frank Prokop has left Recfishwest and Dr Andrew Roland is the Acting Chief Executive Officer.
RFW has changed its office location to Unit F2, 45 Northside Drive, Hillarys.

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Bookings for Kalbarri house in 2012

See the article on the inside back cover. All bookings and queries should go to the Property Officer, Ray Walker.

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division receive a **20% discount** on the public rates for rental of the Kalbarri house. A **20% discount** on public rates will apply for the months of July, August and September.

The Club's Kalbarri house has bookings in 2012 for the following dates, inclusive. Tenants will leave by 10 am on the last date shown and the property can be booked for the afternoon/evening of the day of the last date shown. All other dates not listed are currently available. Note some bookings run to the end of one month and into the start of the next month. This list is at 27 January and does not include any bookings or changes which may have been made between then and whenever you read this. Contact Property Officer Ray Walker for bookings.

2012		2012	
February	24 Feb to 28 Feb	March	17 March to 24 March
April	5 Apr to 15 Apr, 21 Apr to 30 Apr	May	1 May to 11 May
October	9 Oct to 16 Oct, 20 Oct to 31 Oct	November	1 Nov to 10 Nov

Property Officer, Ray Walker

Deadline for Reel Talk articles and reports

Can I please have general articles and reports for the March Reel Talk no later than 5 pm Thursday 23 February. Please contact me if any item will be late.

Reel Talk Editor, Terry Fuller

Social Organiser Report, January 2012

Hello fellow members.

Another month gone already. The social side of things is starting to pick up for the upcoming presentation night in June. George and I have been looking at a suitable venue which will be discussed at the next general meeting, so come along and support your club in its 60th year.

We will be looking for assistance to make this a night to remember, we need ideas on what you want and any sponsors you can bring on board.

The night casting was held at Kaye and George Holman's place. We had a good turn up and those that competed had a good time. It was a fun family night, maybe a bit warm for some. All trophy winners will be listed in the magazine report for the night.

Many thanks to John Curtis for judging the event and supplying home baked cakes and his now famous Rocky Road.

A big thank you to Kaye and George for their support.

The next event in the pipeline will be the Maze at Bullsbrook when it cools down.

See you on a beach somewhere.

Social Organiser Pat McKeown

Night cast and barbecue

Yet again, our club hosted a successful night cast at Kaye and George Holman's. Thank you to Pat McKeown, our Social Organiser, for putting it all together and to John Curtis for scoring our casts on the court.

Of course it is the whole evening which makes the event a success, and for this we have all the attending members to thank. It was nice to see Jane, Morgan and Olivia Keet attend and compete in the casting. Now we have our eye on Jane to join the Ladies' team at club casting. Bill Ransted supervised the casting, whilst Geoff Raftis took out the Veterans' prize. Marcia Pekaar won the Ladies' division, Peet Wessels the Senior Men, and Morgan and Olivia each won trophies in the Junior divisions. Well done to all.

By the time Peter and I arrived, the barbecue was well and truly hot so it took no time for us to join in and cook our steak and chicken. Pete seized the opportunity to cook a bit extra to save time the following day making lunches. All the salads, fruit, nuts, lollies etc on the table were enjoyed by all and John Curtis impressed us with his cheesecake, meringue sponge cake, and rocky road.

Not everyone competed in the dry cast, so the group split up for a short while so those of us casting could venture down to the dark oval and compete. Luckily a number of people had brought headlamps to enable us to set up the courts and get going.

It was a "late" night for the Pekaar family, but one I am happy to have as I find the night cast one of the most enjoyable social events of the Club year. Indeed made all the more enjoyable by the fact that anyone can win and it is just a fun night out.

Marcia Pekaar

Night cast scores

Thanks to John Curtis for marking the casts and working out the scores. Lower means closer to the target.

Night cast trophy winners were:-

Mini Juniors	Olivia Keet	11	Veterans	Geoff Raftis	7.5
	Morgan Keet	11.5		Peter Osborne	9.5
Ladies	Marcia Pekaar	12	Men	Peet Wessels	12
	Sandra Wessels	16		Peter Pekaar	14

Night cast scores (continued)

Casting order	Division	Cast 1	Cast 2	Cast 3	Cast 4	Total
Bob Henderson	Veteran	2	1	3	5	11
Terry Fuller	Veteran	3	8	3	1	15
Peter Osborne	Veteran	1	6	0.5	2	9.5
Mal Head	Veteran	5	3	2	3	13
Trevor Stam	Veteran	2	1	4	6	13
Peet Wessels	Men	3	5	2	2	12
Sandra Wessels	Ladies	7	3	4	2	16
Peter Pekaar	Men	3	5	1	5	14
Marcia Pekaar	Ladies	1	5	4	2	12
Bev Grigo	Ladies	5	4	3	7	19
Ric Parker	Veteran	6	6	2	8	22
Ray Walker	Veteran	9	1	9	0.5	19.5
Olivia Keet	Mini Junior	1	4	3	3	11
Morgan Keet	Mini Junior	0.5	1	2	8	11.5
Jane Keet	Ladies	6	3	2	7	18
Geoff Raftis	Veteran	5	0.5	1	1	7.5

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Dry Casting report 8 January 2012

The day was sunny with a light south easterly breeze, shifting later to a south westerly, with a temperature between 14 deg and 29 degrees.

Thanks to those members who helped with the setting up of the distance and accuracy courts, flags and banners. To the people who brought the equipment in at the end of drycasting thank you. Also thanks to the ones who measured and marked and to Marcia for collecting the money.

Best distance casts	Seniors	Mark Hansen	136 metres	112 grams
	Veterans	George Holman	147 metres	112 grams
	Ladies	Marcia Pekaar	90 metres	56 grams
	Juniors	Felicity Keet	84 metres	112 grams
	Mini Juniors	Morgan Keet	98 metres	56 grams
Section winners	Seniors	Mark Hansen	188 points	
	Veterans	Garry Gildersleeves	273 points	
	Ladies	Marcia Pekaar	118 points	
	Juniors	Felicity Keet	122 points	
	Mini Juniors	Morgan Keet	90 points	

Drycasting 5 February. There is to be a 112 gram Open level line distance cast after the main drycasting has finished, so why not stay and have a go.

Seniors, ladies and juniors will start with distance then accuracy. The Veterans will try their hand at accuracy first followed by distance.

Keep it long and straight. See you at the next dry casting.

Dry Casting Officer Allan Jones

Seniors, Ladies, Juniors and Mini-Juniors

Firstly, we would like to thank Mark, Jeff, Eric and Greg who did the majority of the scoring in our group today. Peter Pekaar hurt his back upon arrival and gingerly attempted his casts, albeit from an angle. Therefore, bending and walking generally were not an option for him. Felicity and Marcia managed to score for the men in the Accuracy events, and did a fine job, thanks for your help.

Chris Stickells deserves a special mention for putting out the flags today. In fact the whole day ran very smoothly due to general co-operation. Chris has improved a lot since his first dry casting day, midway through 2011. Now all of his distance casts are in court in the 50 metre plus range and his Accuracy is improving such that he scores on at least half of his casts. As he was casting with less than the required amount of line on his reel, this chopped into his distances. With his reel now correctly set up, we look forward to watching further improvements from Chris. Well done for persisting with dry casting.

Top double handed accuracy score went to Mark Hansen with 103 points, followed by Jeff Hewton with 85 points. Whilst the single handed accuracy went to Greg Keet with 18 points, second place went to three casters, each with 15 points (see score sheet in Reel Talk).

Marcia Pekaar and Felicity Keet cast together and whilst they were in separate divisions, Felicity scored 68 points in double handed accuracy compared to Marcia's less than exceptional 44 points. Well done Felicity, you are definitely the future for the SCAC Ladies' team. Felicity is very consistent, with all her casts being straight down the middle.

Our three Mini-Juniors had a good battle, with Shane Becu winning the double handed accuracy on 50 points. Morgan Keet won all the distance events whilst Olivia Keet and Shane Becu can be proud that all their casts were in court. Let's hope these three can work together as a team at the AAA State Dry Cast in October this year.

Marcia and Peter Pekaar

Dry Casting winners for 8 January 2012

Event	Seniors winner		Veterans winner	
56 gram Score	24	Jeff Hewton	27	George Holman
56 gram Distance	118	Jeff Hewton	135	George Holman
Artificial Bait Score	22	Mark Hansen	20	Gary Gildersleeves
Artificial Bait Distance	115	Mark Hansen	113	George Holman
112 gram Score	27	Mark Hansen	29	George Holman
112 gram Distance	136	Mark Hansen	147	George Holman
Double Handed Acc.	103	Mark Hansen	167	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	18	Greg Keet	35	George Holman
Section Highest Points	188	Mark Hansen	273	Gary Gildersleeves

Event	Ladies winner		Juniors winner		Mini Juniors winner	
56 gram Score	18	Marcia Pekaar	15	Felicity Keet	11	Morgan Keet
56 gram Distance	90	Marcia Pekaar	83	Felicity Keet	88	Morgan Keet
Artificial Bait Score	14	Marcia Pekaar	13	Felicity Keet	13	Morgan Keet
Artificial Bait Distance	76	Marcia Pekaar	64	Felicity Keet	68	Morgan Keet
112 gram Score	17	Marcia Pekaar	16	Felicity Keet	8	Morgan Keet
112 gram Distance	88	Marcia Pekaar	84	Felicity Keet	76	Morgan Keet
Double Handed Acc.	44	Marcia Pekaar	68	Felicity Keet	50	Shane Becu
Single Handed Acc.	15	Marcia Pekaar			4	Morgan Keet
Section Highest Points	118	Marcia Pekaar	122	Felicity Keet	90	Morgan Keet

Event	Overall winner for January		Year's best up to January	
56 gram Score	27	George Holman	31	Alan Hale
56 gram Distance	135	George Holman	163	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Score	22	Mark Hansen	31	Peter Pekaar
Artificial Bait Distance	115	Mark Hansen	161	Peter Pekaar
112 gram Score	29	George Holman	34	Alan Hale
112 gram Distance	147	George Holman	186	Peter Pekaar
Double Handed Acc.	167	Gary Gildersleeves	167	Gary Gildersleeves
Single Handed Acc.	35	George Holman	35	George Holman
Section Highest Points	273	Gary Gildersleeves	278	George Holman

Dry Casting results, 8 January 2012

These results have been prepared from the original hand written distances and scores recorded on the day. Marcia and Peter Pekaar copied the scores from the score sheets into an electronic format, adjusted the distance scores for the 20 metre measurement setback, and cross checked all final figures against the original score sheets. Terry Fuller used his computer drycasting scoring program to process the results to calculate the points, add all together, sort into final score order, extract the section winners and year's best as shown on the second page, and progressive scores for use at the end of the competition year.

Results for the day	56 gram			Artificial Bait			112 gram			Double Handed Accuracy								Single Handed Accuracy					Day Total	Attendance		Total Points	
	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Cast 1 (m)	Cast 2 (m)	Points	Target number								Target distance						DC	GM		
Seniors										3	3	1	1	4	4	2	2	Points	L	S	L	S	Points				
Mark Hansen	114	0	11	115	103	22	131	136	27	12	16	19	15	4	16	21	0	103	0	1	7	7	15	178	10		188
Jeff Hewton	117	118	24	0	111	11	131	128	26	18	0	7	19	2	0	22	17	85	0	8	0	4	12	158	10		168
Peter Pekaar	90	106	20	86	90	18	98	104	20	0	16	8	13	0	0	21	0	58	0	7	0	8	15	131	10		141
Greg Keet	97	105	20	90	100	19	120	112	23	0	4	8	0	0	16	0	17	45	0	6	5	7	18	125	10		135
Eric Parker	94	104	20	103	99	20	116	118	23	2	0	0	12	0	0			14	6	9	0	0	15	92	10		102
Chris Stickells	41	51	9	42	53	10	54	53	11	0	0	9	2	0	0	13	14	38	0	0	0	7	7	75	10		85

Veterans

Gary Gildersleeves	114	119	23	99	100	20	144	129	27	19	21	23	23	16	20	22	167	7	8	6	5	26	263	10		273	
George Holman	131	135	27	113	0	11	147	139	29	13	13	16	20	18	11	22	23	136	9	9	8	9	35	238	10		248
Malcolm Head	105	104	21	93	94	19	107	115	22	19	17	15	18	10	21	19	10	129	2	6	8	6	22	213	10		223
Allan Jones	0	99	10	93	81	17	113	112	23	15	24	13	19	20	23	13	6	133	4	7	4	7	22	205	10		215
Peter Osborne	81	77	16	74	93	17	121	110	23	17	19	11	12	15	19	20	5	118	5	6	10	7	28	202	10		212
Geoff Raftis	0	98	10	84	86	17	116	111	23	19	6	22	12	24	18	19	22	142	0	0	0	0	0	192	10		202
Bob Henderson	117	111	23	85	104	19	116	121	24	11	7	21	19	0	8	10	22	98	4	7	3	9	23	187	10		197
Terry Fuller	95	0	10	87	89	18	101	102	20	20	19	7	12	23	0	18	15	114	5	8	3	5	21	183	10		193
John Crompton	65	96	16	84	96	18	107	93	20	6	0	21	8	19	19	15	25	113	3	5	4	0	12	179	10		189
Pat McKeown	83	84	17	84	81	17	92	108	20	12	0	17	17	17	20	0	11	94	0	6	0	5	11	159	10		169
Dean Stewart	65	30	10	76	80	16	89	87	18	20	10	13	14	7	9	23	11	107	3	5	0	0	8	159	10		169
Ron Thomas	101	0	10	96	97	19	123	121	24	9	18	9	9	7	15	16	15	98	0	0	0	7	7	158	10		168

Ladies

Marcia Pekaar	90	89	18	62	76	14	88	85	17	0	13	7	0	0	17	3	4	44	2	7	3	3	15	108	10		118
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Juniors

Felicity Keet	83	71	15	63	64	13	74	84	16	0	7	10	22	18	11	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	0	112	10		122
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Mini-Juniors

Morgan Keet	88	26	11	63	68	13	0	76	8	0	17	17	10					44	0	1	0	3	4	80	10		90
Shane Becu	31	17	5	20	28	5	36	31	7	20	19	0	11					50	0	0	0	0	0	67	10		77
Olivia Keet	19	37	6	28	33	6	36	35	7	15	21	0	0					36	0	2	0	0	2	57	10		67

These scores do not include points for attendance at the January General Meeting.

Dry Casting top scores for 2011/12

Total scores up to and including January casting. Only the best 11 months out of 12 will count at the end of the competition year. These will be announced at and published after the Presentation of Trophies in June 2012.

Name	Points	Rank	Name	Points	Rank	Name	Point	Rank
Terry Fuller	1949	1	Mark Hansen	974	13	Felicity Keet	354	25
Peter Osborne	1801	2	Alan Hale	944	14	Olivia Keet	348	26
Allan Jones	1791	3	Pat McKeown	774	15	Terry Willison	345	27
George Holman	1727	4	Geoff Raftis	735	16	Ray Walker	272	28
Gary Gildersleeves	1692	5	Bob Henderson	676	17	Chris Stickells	212	29
Peter Pekaar	1469	6	Morgan Keet	514	18	Wendy Hansen	129	30
John Crompton	1419	7	Rhys Jones	489	19	Martin Wearmouth	44	31
Marcia Pekaar	1198	8	Eric Parker	455	20	Jim Strong	41	32
Malcolm Head	1117	9	Greg Keet	454	21	Matthew John	14	33
Dean Stewart	1101	10	Bev Grigo	390	22	Brett Anderson	13	34
Jeff Hewton	1078	11	Shane Becu	381	23	Kevin Selesnew	12	35
Trevor Stam	1028	12	Ron Thomas	373	24			

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President's report

The club barbecue and night cast has come and gone and even though the attendance was down a little on last year which was disappointing, a good 30 people were present, compared to over 40 last year. Pat McKeown put a lot of effort into the night and a big thank you must go to him for a very sociable and enjoyable evening.

Most arrived just after six o'clock to a very warm evening. Drinks and eats were partaken of and just after 8pm Pat started to organise the main event with the help of John Curtis.

Good to see the Keet children and Mum Jane and Gran Bev really getting involved, and as a result they shared in the prizes for the night organised by Pat. Anyone who didn't attend missed out on two cheesecakes and a rocky road made by John Curtis. Mal Head was completely taken aback by John's culinary expertise. Thanks to all who attended and made Pat's efforts worthwhile.

Gary Gildersleeves has had a very positive report on his health and will be back working soon. He has been doing a lot of casting practice.

Good to see Marcia Pekaar's smiling face at all the club events with her chaperone Peter.

Trevor Stam has been gallivanting on a boat cruise to New Zealand but found the cloudy conditions did affect his photography.

At our last meeting Terry Fuller gave a very informative talk on freezing and looking after bait and his presentation was second to none and very much appreciated by all present. He also did a short demonstration and talk on the use of our club's laser measure for measuring distances at our monthly dry casting. Thanks Terry.

The Bluff Creek field day is only five weeks away, so you all need to be making your arrangements and planning your trip. If anyone needs a lift or to be able to follow a group down, please let Peet Wessels and Peter Osborne know so we may accommodate you. Terry Fuller, Dave Maxted, Pat McKeown and I will go down on the Thursday and we will have the club generator, so others may avail themselves of 240 volt power for lights and freezers.

As I mentioned at our last general meeting we now have to find a suitable venue for our Presentation Night on 23 June as Glengarry Tavern is to be demolished later. Any suggestions are welcome and we also need some ideas to be able to make our 60th year a great one. (Update:- venue found and booked)

Peet Wessels will make some comments in this issue about forthcoming AAA State Rock and Beach Championships on 24/25 March at Jurien Bay. Entries need to be in at least a week

early and the club is looking to make it more social for those who are not really competitive. Please get involved.

Our last Committee meeting put a lot of effort into our forthcoming venues for the 2012/13 year so please take the time to peruse them and early comment will be appreciated. They were mainly selected on the forms sent in to Peet Wessels and a commonsense balance across the board.

The main one to look at is the Esperance Safari which is to be from 15 to 22 September this year and will need some planning and preparation.

If the numbers are there for the Esperance Safari, the October venue will need a revision as the long weekend is 29/30 September and 1 October and the suggestion is for the normal weekend in October at Cervantes.

If you intend to go to Esperance for this Safari week or an extended holiday please take the trouble to let the Committee know in writing so we can plan accordingly. There were a lot who said they wanted to go but only four took the trouble to fill in their preference for Esperance.

We have eight months to finalise the Safari and a good attendance of club members and families and friends would be great to see. The venue lends itself to a lot of sightseeing, a picnic day at Cape Le Grand, a night or two at some good restaurants or hotel, a visit to a museum and the fishing is all around for short or long trips. The Safari field day could be from Wednesday 12 noon to Thursday 12 noon and go where you like (a suggestion). Please start planning.

Tight lines and good casting.

President 2011/12, George Holman

Bookings for hire of Club alternator

The Club owns a petrol powered Honda alternator type EU20i, 240 volt, with a rated output of 1600 watts. It has an hour meter, protective cover, operator's manual and optional 15 amp dual use link kit for coupling together two *identical* alternators.

The alternator is available for short term hire for use by club members only, when not required for a Club event which has priority. Some details were published in page 22 of the November 2010 Reel Talk.

Requirements, conditions and booking form are available from the Treasurer or Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/HireOfClubAlternatorIssue1.doc>

The following bookings have been made.

Member booking	28 January to 3 February 2012
Club booking, Bluff Creek Field Day	29 February to 7 March 2012
Member booking	20 March to 31 March 2012
Member booking	7 July to 21 July 2012

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Bring a friend to a Club activity

Please bring a friend, a relative, a workmate, neighbour or an acquaintance to a General meeting, to Dry Casting or to a Club fishing Field day.

Let them know what the Club does, and let them find out for themselves some of the benefits of being a club member, particularly getting all those fishing and casting tips from experienced club members.

Show them your copy of Reel Talk and let them know there is a lot more about the club on the Club website <http://www.surfcasters.iinet.net.au/>

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State Rock and Beach and Boating Championships

The State Boating Championships will be held at Jurien on Saturday 3 March or Sunday 4 March, which is our Bluff Creek Field Day.

The State Rock and Beach fishing championships will be held on Saturday and Sunday 24/25 March 2012, with headquarters at Jurien.

Boundary: Cervantes jetty to Greenhead jetty including jetties.

Briefing/start times: Registrations 10.30 to 11 am (Team Captains only) 24th March 2012

Compulsory briefing at 11 am (all participants). Lines down at 12 noon.

Weigh-in: 11 am sharp on Sunday 25th March 2012

Both the Briefing and Weigh-in will be held at the Jurien Bay Apex Camp, 15 Bashford St. (Indian Ocean Drive)

Pre-registrations must be sent for all club teams with competition numbers by Wednesday 21 March 2012; however it would be appreciated if individuals could register by Friday 16 March, to: Jason Pember, 11 Bering Prom, Canning Vale 6155 or to jason.pember@fpc.wa.gov.au or phone 9455 5337 mobile 0404 620 315

Bag tags are the responsibility of each Club. Species prizes will be awarded for the biggest Tailor, Skippy, Shark, Flathead, Whiting and Herring. Spare:- Tarwhine.

Cheques should be made out to the Australian Anglers Association. Registration forms and a flier are on the AAWA website <http://www.aaawa.iinet.net.au/RockBeachMain.html>

The instruction period at the March General meeting will cover these Rock and Beach Championships.

Please consider competing in these Championships as a Surfcasters individual and team member.

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Hosting of National Angling Championships

Hosting of National Angling Championships and Convention in Western Australia in 2015 or 2017.

Dear Club Presidents, Commodores, Delegates and Members.

At the Australian Anglers Association 32nd National Angling Championships and Convention held in August last year at South West Rocks NSW, the WA Division was asked to consider hosting this event in either 2015 or 2017.

To this end, the WA Delegates at the National Annual General Meeting of the WA Division of the Association agreed to consider hosting the event. I am writing to all clubs seeking support from them and their members to host this event.

Further to the request to consider hosting the event, WA Division was asked to consider venues that were possibly on the South Coast so as to provide some cool water fishing for competitors, as they do not get this in either New South Wales or Queensland. Also we were asked to consider locations that were not in or near the Perth metropolitan area. This was requested so that there would not be too many distractions for competitors and to encourage socializing amongst participants. This request came from the National Annual General Meeting.

The last event that this Division ran was held in Geraldton in 1995. That event was quite popular with Eastern States competitors and they have commented quite favourably about it. To this end several locations have been considered. What is required to run this event is as follows;

Headquarters

- A building suitable for our needs
- Able to host a Welcome function including local Shire President / Mayor. (250+)
- Able to hold Social Functions (evenings)
- Able to hold State Team night for the next host state to present.
- Rooms to hold Federal Executive Meeting (Meeting room)
- Rooms to hold Convention meeting (150 people)
- Is it possible to hold presentation dinner here. (Seat 250 people for meal).
- Rooms for non-participants to do craft / coffee etc.
- Convention Office

Inside Headquarters

- Is catering available can it handle the numbers - cost
- Does the facility have bar facilities - cost
- Car parking
- Early morning registration area
- Carnival office (Lock up)
- Lock up storage area for trophies, weigh-in equipment
- Area to erect the Flag poles for state flags (8 flags)
- Area to erect

score board ▪ Weigh in area ▪ Drinks and light snacks available at weigh in ▪ Would we need grandstands?

Accommodation

Are there sufficient Rental Houses, Holiday Flats, Caravan Parks, Cabins, On site Vans, Powered sites or other forms of accommodation available to house up to 150 visitors from Eastern States and overseas (NZ) for the duration of the competition.

Shopping

What shopping is available locally, specifically supermarkets, specialty shops, tackle shops, and others for casual shopping and browsing.

Medical

Is there a Hospital close by, access to doctors, dentists, and other medical specialists.

Other

Are there churches close by.

Tourist Information

▪ Will the local tourist bureau / visitor centre be supportive and assist. ▪ What local attractions are available ▪ Local clubs / Hotel or similar venues with meals ▪ Other

Regional / Shire Councils

▪ Could we expect cooperation ▪ Who is the best contact person if possible

Fishing Offshore

The following points need to be considered for participants in offshore events:

▪ Distance to productive fishing ground ▪ Distance to access this area ▪ Boat ramps available ▪ Secure parking available ▪ Bar crossing ▪ Charter boats available ▪ Other

Fishing Estuary

Similarly for Estuary events, the following points need to be considered:

▪ Fishing area size ▪ Distance ▪ Boat ramps available ▪ Parking available ▪ Hire boats available
▪ Fishing for land based anglers ▪ Other

Fishing Rock and Beach

Similarly for Rock and Beach events, the following points need to be considered:

▪ Fishing area available ▪ Access, 4wd, boat,? ▪ Parking available ▪ Alternative in case of bad weather
▪ Other

Casting

Similarly for the Dry Casting event:

▪ Is a suitable ground available - Contact person ▪ Distance from HQ ▪ Size and number of courts that could be fitted ▪ Available for practice ▪ Other

Other Requirements

Bait availability and cost, Worms, Prawns, Live bait ▪ Workers likely to be available ▪ Likely local sponsorship

As you can see the list is quite extensive and is not yet complete. The last two points are the major concerns for hosting a National Angling Championship and Convention is the willingness of workers and the availability of sponsorship for the event. It is a National Angling Championships and there will be people coming from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and New Zealand. An invitation will be again extended to South African clubs to participate.

Venues currently under active consideration are Esperance, Albany and Geraldton. However this DOES NOT preclude other locations.

If we are to be able to host this event can we rely on members of your clubs to provide assistance to the Association with planning and working prior to, during the event and then after to take the venue down and clean up at the conclusion of the event? The more hands we get to assist the easier it will be for everyone. It will require a concerted effort on behalf of the Association and its members if we are to host this event.

There will be some funding support available from various government and non-government agencies but the WA Division will also have to fund raise to host this event. To this end the Association will be seeking assistance from clubs to run fundraising events to support this event.

Can you please discuss this proposal at your next club members meeting and reply to the Association Secretary by the February Delegates Council Meeting to be held on the 21st of February 2012.

I look forward to your reply.

Kind regards

John Curtis, President, AAA (WA Division) Inc.

Recreational Fishing from Boat Licence

A reminder:- Even though you don't need a licence to fish by line from the shore, if you use a powered boat in any of your activities involved in catching fish, you need a Recreational Fishing from Boat Licence (RFBL). This includes any activity where fish, crabs or shellfish are taken where a powered boat is used to reach the fishing location, such as crossing the river at Kalbarri to get to Oyster Reef.

You don't need an RFBL if you are:-

- Using a boat without a motor, such as a kayak or dinghy.
- Fishing using a licence such as for rock lobster or abalone fishing and that is the only activity undertaken on that trip. But, if for example, a recreational rock lobster fisher also fishes by line on the same trip, an RFBL would be required to cover the line fishing activity.
- Fishing within someone else's bag limit: Unlicensed fishers can fish in the company of someone who holds an RFBL provided they stay within the licensed fisher's daily bag limit. The take of fish by all persons on a boat must not exceed the total bag and boat limits of the number of fishers holding an RFBL.
- Fishing as a paying customer from a licensed charter vessel.

Licence cost:- Adult \$30, Pensioner/Under 16/Seniors card \$15. Fines for not having a licence can be a lot more.

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Recreational fishing licence grants now available

Western Australia will for the first time have more than \$1 million available to fund community-driven projects aimed at enhancing recreational fishing. Generated by WA's various recreational fishing licences, the funding will be made available in the form of grants for new recreational fishing initiatives.

An initiative of the state government, Recfishwest and the Department of Fisheries are encouraging incorporated individuals, research institutions, fishing clubs and community groups to apply for grants for projects that provide a benefit to the recreational fishing sector. Recfishwest principal policy officer Andrew Rowland said the funding would be injected into community initiatives such as habitat enhancement, stock enhancement, research and data collection, including the socio-economic benefits of recreational fishing.

"While tertiary institutions are obvious candidates for the grants, other research projects conducted by government departments, fishing clubs and community groups will also be considered," Dr Rowland said.

"This is an opportune time for community organisations to get that great idea up and running or to brainstorm a novel idea that can be developed into a project that will enhance recreational fishing."

Applications which demonstrate the support of local recreational fishers will be given preference while funding will be provided to projects that are beneficial and cost effective to the recreational fishing community.

A sub-committee of Recfishwest, with input from the Department of Fisheries, will be responsible for recommending funding for the approval of the Minister of Fisheries.

Applicants can apply for a grant of up to three years duration. Applications close on March 15, 2012 and projects are expected to commence on July 1, 2012. Forms are available at www.recfishwest.org.au

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2012 Presentation night venue

Pat McKeown and George Holman have been looking at venues and have chosen the Woodvale Tavern Reception Centre, 143 Trappers Drive, for the Club's 60th year Presentation night on 23 June. <http://thewoodvale.com.au/reception-centre> has some details.

More details at the General meeting and in the coming months. Meanwhile, please reserve Saturday evening 23 June in your diary.

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Kalbarri House for rent - updated

The Club owns a house in Kalbarri which is ideal for a fishing holiday in the area. Access to the famous fishing spots at Wago, Lucky Bay, Port Gregory, etc is just a short drive away via the bitumen road.

The Mallard Street house has easy access to the river, beaches and town. It has two reverse cycle air conditioners to keep you cool in the summer months and warm in winter. It has two bedrooms and will sleep up to eight (max) in 1 queen sized bed and 3 new commercial grade bunks.

Users need to bring their own linen, blankets and towels, tea towels, etc. It has a modern LCD digital television, stove with oven, microwave oven, crockery and cutlery and all cooking utensils, large fridge and a separate chest freezer. A new front loading washing machine has been installed.

Outside has a fish cleaning facility and a full width verandah. There is plenty of fenced parking space for cars, trailers and boats behind a gate. Rates are:

Off season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$100 per night for 2 people	\$20 per night per extra adult \$10 per night per extra child	\$100 bond
On season	Short term (min 2 nights)	\$120 per night for 2 people	\$20 per night per extra adult \$10 per night per extra child	\$100 bond
	Weekly rates	6 times daily rate as above		

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Off season	\$200 per week	On season	\$300 per week	} \$100 deposit/bond plus \$60 cleaning
Short term	\$60 one night	\$50 per night	(two or more nights)	

A 20% discount on public rates will apply for the months of July, August and September.

Members of clubs affiliated with the Australian Anglers Association WA Division receive a **20% discount** on the normal public rates.

Contact Property Officer Ray Walker on 9313 4196, mobile 0414 925 538 for more details and for bookings, location of keys etc. Check in time is 2pm. Check out time is 10am.

If any work needs to be done in, on or around the house, please contact the Property Officer for approval.

Regulations do not allow caravans to be occupied (lived in) on the Kalbarri site.

Ray Walker, Property Officer



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